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SUBJECT: KEY RECOVERY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS (PART III OF IV)

1. GRAIN SUPPLY: THE GOVERNMENT IS ANGUISHING OVER THEIR IMMEDIATE FOOD SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS. THE WHEAT STOCK REPLENISHMENT PROBLEM WAS STRESSED BY EVERY OFFICIAL I MET INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FINANCE MINISTER, THE PRESIDENT'S AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR AND THE ECONOMIC SECRETARIES. THE REASONINGS BEHIND THIS CONCERN WAS BEST LAID OUT BY THE PRIME MINISTER (SEE PART IV). MY MESSAGE ABOUT PL-480 AND WORLD AVAILABILITIES OF WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS CLEARLY REPRESENTED A DEEP AND SEVERE SHOCK TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OFFICIALS AND THEY HAVE GONE BACK TO RECONSIDER A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REVISED FOOD POLICY. THE PRIME MINISTER PLANS ANO-

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW OF THE ECONOMY ON SEPTEMBER 12, JUST BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

2. VEGETABLE OIL: THE NEED FOR EDIBLE OILS AT REASONABLE PRICES IS SECOND IN IMPORTANCE AMONG IMMEDIATE ISSUES ONLY TO GRAIN. THE NEED FOR THE NEXT OIL CONSUMPTION YEAR IS CLEARLY EMERGING AS LARGER THAN WE HAD HOPED.

3. MAXIMIZING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION: WITH THE CLEAR IMPOSSIBILITY OF CLOSING THE FOOD SUPPLY GAP WITH IMPORTS, THE GOVERNMENT IS QUICKLY TURNING TO MEASURES TO PROTECT THE RICE AND OTHER CROPS IN THE GROUND AND TO ASSURE A MAXIMUM WINTER WHEAT CROP. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE (A) QUICK RESTORATION OF THE IRRIGATION CANAL SERVICE WHERE THIS IS POSSIBLE. (B) PROVISION OF WHEAT SEED TO THE FARMERS - TO BE SOUGHT FROM IMPORTS IF POSSIBLE. THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO REPLACE THE SEED PORTION OF LOST PRIVATE STOCKS WITH BETTER SEED. (C) IMMEDIATE SPRAYING OF CROPS IN THE GROUND AND PUTTING IN PLACE PESTICIDES FOR THE NEXT SEASON. IN THIS CONNECTION OUR PROGRAM TO SPRAY 600,000 ACRES OF RICE IS MOST APPRECIATED. (D) FERTILIZER SUPPLY IS CRUCIAL TO THE NEXT WHEAT CROP WITH NITROGEN PROJECTED TO BE IN SHORTEST SUPPLY BUT WITH A NEED FOR PHOSPHATE PIPELINE REPLENISHMENT QUICKLY EMERGING.

4. HOUSING: WHILE THE JOB OF REBUILDING HOUSES WILL REST WITH THE VILLAGERS THEMSELVES, THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO PUT IN PLACE NECESSARY MATERIALS AND WILL WISH TO ADMINISTER FINANCIAL HELP TO SUSTAIN THE VILLAGERS DURING THE REBUILDING PERIOD AND BEFORE THE NEXT CROP IS HARVESTED.

5. EMPLOYMENT: DURING THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS VILLAGERS WHO HAVE SUSTAINED LOSSES OF FOOD STOCKS, GROWING CROPS, CATTLE, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WILL NEED EMPLOYMENT TO EAT AND TO BEGIN TO REPLACE LOST ITEMS INCLUDING LIVESTOCK. ON THE SUBCONTINENT THIS HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRADITIONALLY BEEN HANDLED BY "TEST RELIEF" OR RURAL WORKS PROGRAMS AKIN TO FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMS BUT USUALLY USING CASH PAYMENT SYSTEMS.

6. REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED COMMUNITY FACILITIES: AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SUCH AS MENTIONED ABOVE TIES INTO THE NEED TO REPLACE OR REPAIR SCHOOLS, DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS, HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER COMMUNI-

TY FACILITIES NOT OWNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL VILLAGERS.

7. ROAD, RAILWAYS, IRRIGATION, POWER AND COMMUNICATION:
SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE HAS BEEN SUSTAINED
IN EACH OF THESE AREAS AND REPAIRS WILL IN MANY CASES
BE DONE OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

8. THE NEED FOR CONTINUTUS ASSESSMENTS: THE REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR RECOVERY CANNOT BE ACCURATELY GAUGED THIS
SOON AFTER THE EVENT. WE UNDERSTAND THE WORLD BANK
IS CONSIDERING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TEAM WHICH WOULD
LOOK AT INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE. THERE WILL BE A NEED
FOR ASSESSMENTS COVERINL OTHER AREAS. I HAVE URGED
THE GOVERNMENT TO SHARPEN THEIR ANALYSIS NOT ONLY
FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSES, BUT ALSO AS PART OF AN
EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FROM A BROAD SPECTRUM
OF POTENTIAL DONORS.

9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: THE FULL DIMENSION OF MONEY
REQUIREMENTS CANNOT YET BE KNOWN BUT THE IMPACT ON
BOTH THE INTERNAL BUDGET AND THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE
BUDGET WILL BE SIGNIFICANT IN SCOPE. ASSISTANCE
WILL BE NEEDED IN LARGE AMOUNTS AND SHOULD BE PRO-
VIDED IN WAYS DESIGNED TO FLOW SWIFTLY AND TO SUPPORT
THE MOST URGENT HARD REQUIREMENTS.
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